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Spratt Hails Enactment of Combat Medals Bill

WASHINGTON – A bill to create separate campaign medals for soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan has been signed into law by President Bush. The bill was based on an amendment by U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC).

“This is the only way to treat our soldiers,” said Spratt. “The challenges they face in Iraq and in Afghanistan are distinct and different.”

Spratt said the Pentagon had initially authorized a single medal for service in the two conflicts and did not offer service stars to reflect service in both conflicts or multiple tours of duty in the same conflict.

“I’m pleased the President signed this bill,” said Spratt. “Campaign and service medals proudly reflect military service in a particular conflict. They enhance esprit-de-corps, and they are a strong part of military history.”

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